

MINUTES

WASCO CITY COUNCIL

and Successor Agency to the
Former Redevelopment Agency

Meeting of May 28, 2019

Council Chambers, City Hall
Joint Budget Workshop/Study Sessions – 6:00 p.m.

1) **CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Garcia called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2) **FLAG SALUTE:** was led by Mayor Garcia

3) **ROLL CALL:**

Present: Mayor Garcia, Council Member Cortez, Pallares, Reyna

Late: Council Member Espitia arrived at 6:15 p.m.

4) **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE AUDIENCE:**

- Martha Caballero expressed her opinions on the dial-a-ride services that are being provided to the City and suggests longer hours and an additional driver. She also would like to see more activities offered at the Wasco Senior Center.
- Lucy Trujillo agrees and rearticulates with Mrs. Caballero's public comments.
- Maria spoke on behalf of her mother Delores, who expressed their concerns on the dial-a-ride services. Would like the service to be available throughout the day without the driver's lunch interfering with the service.

5) **REVIEW AND DISCUSSION:**

- a) The Proposed Annual Operating Budget and Capital Improvement Project for the Fiscal Year of 2019-2020.

Staff comments by Interim Finance Director Takhar. Projecting a positive General fund balance. Will be scheduling the next budget workshop for June 11, 2019.

Council Member Pallares is for the potential Communications & Marketing Specialist position but does not agree that its' salary should be budgeted from the Measure X account; recommends it be budgeted from the General Fund. He also recommends budgeting for another vehicle for animal control.

City Manager Ortiz-Hernandez clarified the reasoning of why it was placed on the Measure X account.

Council Member Cortez requested to add lighting while rehabilitation of the South Gate street is in process.

City Council directed staff to allocate Measure X funds for lighting projects for the city parks.

Public Works Director Bishop mentioned two options. If PG&E light poles exist we could mount lighting. If not we could install street lights.

Council Member Cortez requested funding for the Animal Shelter to improve by providing a vaccine service for the public allowing residents to vaccinate their pets and to decrease the price on animal adopting; recommends staff to coordinate with non-profits or other organizations that help reduce the cost for adoption and to spay or neuter pets.

Council Member Pallares requested an additional vehicle for the Animal Control Officer as of now Animal Control only has one vehicle.

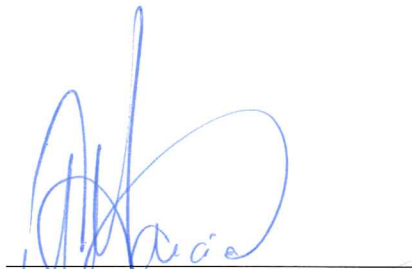
City Manager Ortiz Hernandez mentioned that he has been approached by Parks and Recreation requesting city assistance with their project and capital items.

Council Members agreed to assist Parks and Recreation financially with their capital projects using Measure X funds.


Mayor Garcia directed staff to make the changes requested and bring back to for Council review.

6) ADJOURNMENT

- a) Mayor Garcia adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.



Alexandro Garcia, Mayor
City of Wasco



Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
City of Wasco